

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 576
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize *The Daily Post-Athenian*
for 150 years of service to its community.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this general assembly recognize those great
newspapers that serve admirably as effective media for communicating the news; and

WHEREAS, one exemplary newspaper is *The Daily Post-Athenian*, which has made it its
duty to report the news of Athens, Tennessee and the nation; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary newspaper originated with two newspapers, *The Athens*
Post started by Sam P. Ivins in 1848 and *The Athenian* founded by Professor W.F. McCarron in
1882; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920s, a merger of *The Athens Post* and *The Athenian* under the
direction of Post Editor, Claude T. Taylor, and the Athenian Editor, J. Rollo Emert, *created The*
Post-Athenian; and

WHEREAS, the paper was bought by Fred W. Wankan, Sr. of Laurel, Mississippi and
became a daily operation and was named the *The Daily Post-Athenian* on March 16, 1931; and

WHEREAS, *The Daily Post-Athenian*, has gone to press five days a week since 1931;
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WHEREAS, the paper was sold numerous times between 1931 and 1962 and steadily
improved its service to its readers. The paper moved its offices to 320 S. Jackson Street in
1967; and

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WHEREAS, further improvements were made such as web offset printing process, computer typesetting and video display terminals replacing reporters' typewriters; and

WHEREAS, throughout the many changes and improvements in the life of The Daily Post-Athenian, it has been continually recognized for excellence including several Tennessee Press Association awards, and staffers have won first place awards in the Tennessee Press Association Managing Editors (TAPME) competition; and

WHEREAS, *The Daily Post-Athenian* has continued to show its concern for the community through its unprecedented loyalty to reporting good stories; and; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate *The Daily Post-Athenian* upon an outstanding legacy of 150 years in news reporting and publishing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.